

**State of Iowa  
County of Iowa**

Notice is hereby given that ITC Midwest LLC (ITC Midwest) (Petitioner), with its principal place of business at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401, proposes to rebuild a 34,500V transmission line from a point south of the city of Belle Plaine (at the future site of the River Valley Breaker Station) to a tap from the Koszta REC Substation along 125<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed line is being built as part of transmission system upgrades in the area. The existing 34,500V system is being converted to 69,000V to provide more reliability to the area and reduce exposure to sustained outages. This project is in conjunction with the planned conversion of the entire 34,500V system in the area to 69,000V by 2021. The notification corridor and the proposed line route for which new easements may be sought in Iowa County are reflected on the enclosed map and by reference made a part hereof. The notification corridor is the area in which landowners and tenants are noticed concerning the public information meeting and in which easements may be sought after the meeting is held.

Prior to construction of this transmission line, the Petitioner must request a franchise from the Iowa Utilities Board (Utilities Board) authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line along the proposed route. The proposed route of the line begins at the intersection of State Highway 212 and 212<sup>th</sup> Blvd and heads east. The line follows State Highway 212/212<sup>th</sup> Blvd east to the intersection with 125<sup>th</sup> Street. The line will continue east along 125<sup>th</sup> Street to a final point of electrical connection with a tap from the Koszta REC Substation, for a total distance of approximately 6.0 miles.

ITC Midwest may seek to acquire easements within the identified corridor for the construction, operation and maintenance of the line described in this notice. The easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-of-way so as not to interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. For poles located on private right-of-way adjacent to the public road right-of-way, 25 foot easements will be sought. For poles located on private right-of-way not located immediately adjacent to public road right-of-way, 50 foot easements will be sought. After the Utilities Board has reviewed the petition for franchise it may conduct a public hearing and landowners would have a right to participate in the hearing process. If a hearing is conducted, notice of the public hearing will be published in an Iowa County newspaper with county wide circulation. There is the possibility that right-of-way may be acquired by condemnation if approved by the Utilities Board. At this time, the Petitioner has not requested and does not have the right of eminent domain in order to acquire the property rights by condemnation. If eminent domain is requested by the Petitioner, a hearing must be conducted by the Utilities Board where the request will be considered, and the Petitioner must show that the property rights are needed to serve a public use. If the Petitioner requests the right of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent to the owners of record and parties in possession of the parcels subject to the request for eminent domain by return receipt mail in addition to the notice being published in an Iowa County newspaper with county wide circulation.

As a landowner or a party adjacent to, in possession of, or residing on property which may be affected by the location and construction of the aforementioned electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at an Informational Meeting to be held at the place and time listed below. You also have the right to file with the Utilities Board objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described. The Utilities Board's address is 1375 E. Court Ave., Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Representatives of the Utilities Board will preside at the Informational Meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners. Qualified representatives of ITC Midwest will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

Informational Meeting to be held:

Date: January 17, 2017  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Marengo Public Library  
235 E. Hilton Street  
Marengo, Iowa 52301

In the event of inclement weather (as determined by the cancellation of school/classes in the Iowa Valley Community School District on the morning of the date of this Informational Meeting), the meeting will be held on January 24, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

Dated: December 1, 2016  
Tim Tessier, Manager – Regulatory Strategy  
ITC Midwest LLC